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Resolution III: The Indian Historical Records Commission places on record its appreciation of the steps taken by the National Archives of India during the last two years for expediting the compilation of reference media to the various series of the records in its custody. But as the volume of records for which the reference media has to be prepared is very large, the Government of India is urged to sanction adequate staff for this essential aspect of Archives Administration. Similar programmes may be taken up by State Archives Departments also which face the same problem.

Assam: Due note has been taken of the resolution and adequate measures are being taken.

Madhya Pradesh: Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Karnataka: Action is being taken for the compilation of reference media to the various series of records in the custody of the Archives.

Pondicherry: The administrative control of the Archives is to be handed over to the National Archives of India, New Delhi. Besides, the administration is now working out details of a plan for setting up a separate Archives to preserve all post-merger records. In these circumstances it has not been possible to take any steps to implement the resolution.

Jammu and Kashmir: The case is under consideration of the Government.

Sikkim: As the State Archives has recently been started and is being organised, the resolution is still under the Government's consideration.

Resolution IV: Resolved that in the interest of completeness of official records of historical value, weeding of records at the various levels by untrained persons be stopped.

Jammu and Kashmir: The recommendation has since been noted.

Karnataka: The matter is under consideration with the heads of the Departments.

Madhya Pradesh: Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Resolution V: The Commission is of the view that it is imperative to take all necessary steps to ensure the proper maintenance and preservation of all Public Records in the States, whether current, semi-current or non-current. The State Governments are, therefore, requested to implement urgently the recommendations already made by the Commission (**vide** Resolutions VII and XIII of the 38th Session) and (i) transfer all District Records more than 30 years old to the control of the State Archives and (ii) declare their Directors of State Archives to be inspecting authority for the non-current records of the State Offices at all levels as also of the local bodies viz. Municipalities, Zilla Parishads etc. in the State.

Orissa: The resolution has been accepted by the Government.

Jammu and Kashmir: The matter is under consideration of the State Government.

Madhya Pradesh: Action is being taken on the resolution and decision would be communicated in due course.

Haryana: The Government has already declared the Director of Archives or his representative as the competent authority to inspect the records of all the Departments of the State.

The State Government has also agreed to transfer District records of more than 30 years old to the control of the State Archives.

West Bengal: The matter is under consideration of the State Government.

Sikkim: As the State Archives has recently started and is still being organised, the resolution is under consideration of the Government.

Assam: The existing Record Office is the custodian of old records of the Secretariat only. So unless a State Archives is set up, there is no scope to make it an abode of District Records or Records of other local bodies. The proposal to set up the State Archives has already been initiated.

Resolution VII: This Commission appeals to the concerned authorities of Temples, Gurdwaras, Churches, Khankahs, Waqfs, etc. to allow bona-fide research scholars to consult their documents for research purposes, and the scholars who are allowed access to these records may, if necessary, voluntarily prepare the lists of these records.

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Resolution VIII: This Commission appeals to the authorities maintaining the records of the Temples, Maths, Churches, Mosques, Gurdwaras etc. to ensure their proper preservation, and if possible, to deposit these documents with the various Archives or Learned Institutions for safe custody.

Karnataka: The matter is under consideration of the Government.

Madhya Pradesh: Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Orissa: An appeal was sent to the authorities of the Temples, Maths, Churches, Mosques, Gurdwaras, etc., in this behalf. But no response has been received from these institutions.

Jammu & Kashmir: The Government has already been approached in this behalf.

Sikkim : As the State Archives has been recently started and is being organised, the resolution is still under the consideration of the Government.

Assam : The resolution has been noted for future guidance.

Resolution XI : The Commission places on record its appreciation of the effective and energetic steps taken by its Secretary in implementing some of its important recommendations, such as those concerning the preparation of the Manual of Archives, and the publication of records

pertaining to Partition and Transfer of Power, and the compilation of reference media. It also approves of the policy of issuing cyclostyled publications, particularly the reference media to records, with a view to facilitating research. Similar steps may also be taken by the State Directors of Archives.

Orissa: Compilation of reference media of Records in the State Archives is in progress.

Madhya Pradesh: Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Assam: The resolution has been noted for future guidance.

Sikkim: As the State Archives has been recently started and is being organised, the resolution is under Government's consideration.

Resolution XII: Keeping in view the enormous problems created by ever-growing bulk of records, the Commission appreciates the lead presently given by the National Archives of India and the Department of Administrative Reforms, Government of India, in the sphere of management of the records of the Union Government and their time-bound appraisal. It also notes with satisfaction the steps taken by some State Governments for weeding of their time-bound appraisal. It also notes with satisfaction the steps taken by some State Governments for weeding of their non-essential records. The Commission urges all those State Governments and Union Territories which have not yet initiated such a programme on a regular basis to do so urgently with a view to economising in the long run on the upkeep and preservation of their permanent records. The concerned governments may consult, if necessary, the National Archives of India for this purpose.

Karnataka: The resolution has been noted with a view to take further necessary action accordingly.

Madhya Pradesh: Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Sikkim: As the State Archives has been recently started and is being organised, the resolution is still under consideration of the Government.

Assam: The resolution has been noted for future guidance.

Punjab: The Government has sent instructions to all the Departments/ Offices in the State to weed out their non-essential records on a regular basis so that permanent records could be preserved more economically.

Andhra Pradesh: With a view to determine the lines on which the problems of weeding out non-essential records in the State Archives should be tackled, a Task Force has been constituted by the Government with a view to examine all the aspects in this regard and make its recommendations. It has also been decided to create a Central Cell for weeding of records in General Administration Department to clear the backlog of records of erstwhile Hyderabad Government under an officer of the rank of Assistant Secretary to the Government, preferably one who knows Urdu. It was decided to depute staff from State Archives for checking the records marked for destruction from historical point of view during the weeding process.

Resolution XIII: The Indian Historical Records Commission recommends to all the State Archives to provide facilities for the supply of microfilms or typed copies of 'open' records to bonafide research scholars on payment without any undue delay.

Sikkim: As the State Archives has been recently started and is being organized, the resolution is still under consideration of the Government.

Haryana: The Government has no objection to the adoption of the resolution subject to the condition that it would involve no additional financial implications.

Madhya Pradesh: Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Resolution XIV: Resolved that the State Governments be requested to open Regional, or Divisional archives in each Commissioner's Division, where the non-ephemeral records of all the Collectorates etc. in the Division may be collected and preserved under the overall control and supervision of the Director of the State Archives. This is absolutely essential for the purpose of not only preservation of papers, but also for promoting the writing of regional history.

Jammu and Kashmir: The Government has been requested to establish District repositories under overall supervision of the Archives office.

Karnataka: The resolution has been noted for further necessary action.

Madhya Pradesh : Action on the resolution is being taken and decision would be communicated in due course.

Orissa: Steps will be taken to open Regional or Divisional Archives in the Sixth Five Year Plan.

Sikkim : As the State Archives has been recently started and is being organized the resolution is still under consideration of the Government.

Punjab: The Government has already sanctioned a scheme for "Setting up of a Regional Repository at Divisional Level", for establishing a Regional Repository at Jullundur. The repository will be opened as soon as the arrangements for building are made.

Resolution XV: Resolved that the Commission recommends to the authorities of the National Archives of India and of the State Archives to make available to bonafide research scholars residential accommodation at reasonable rates. Furthermore, it recommends for the consideration of the Ministry of Education at the centre and in the States to put up hostels which will cater to the needs of such research scholars.

National Archives of India: 12 scholars from various universities have availed themselves of residential facilities in the Gomti Guest House, New Delhi.

Jammu and Kashmir: The case is being processed by the Government.

Sikkim: The State Archives has recently started and is being organised the resolution is still under consideration of the Government.